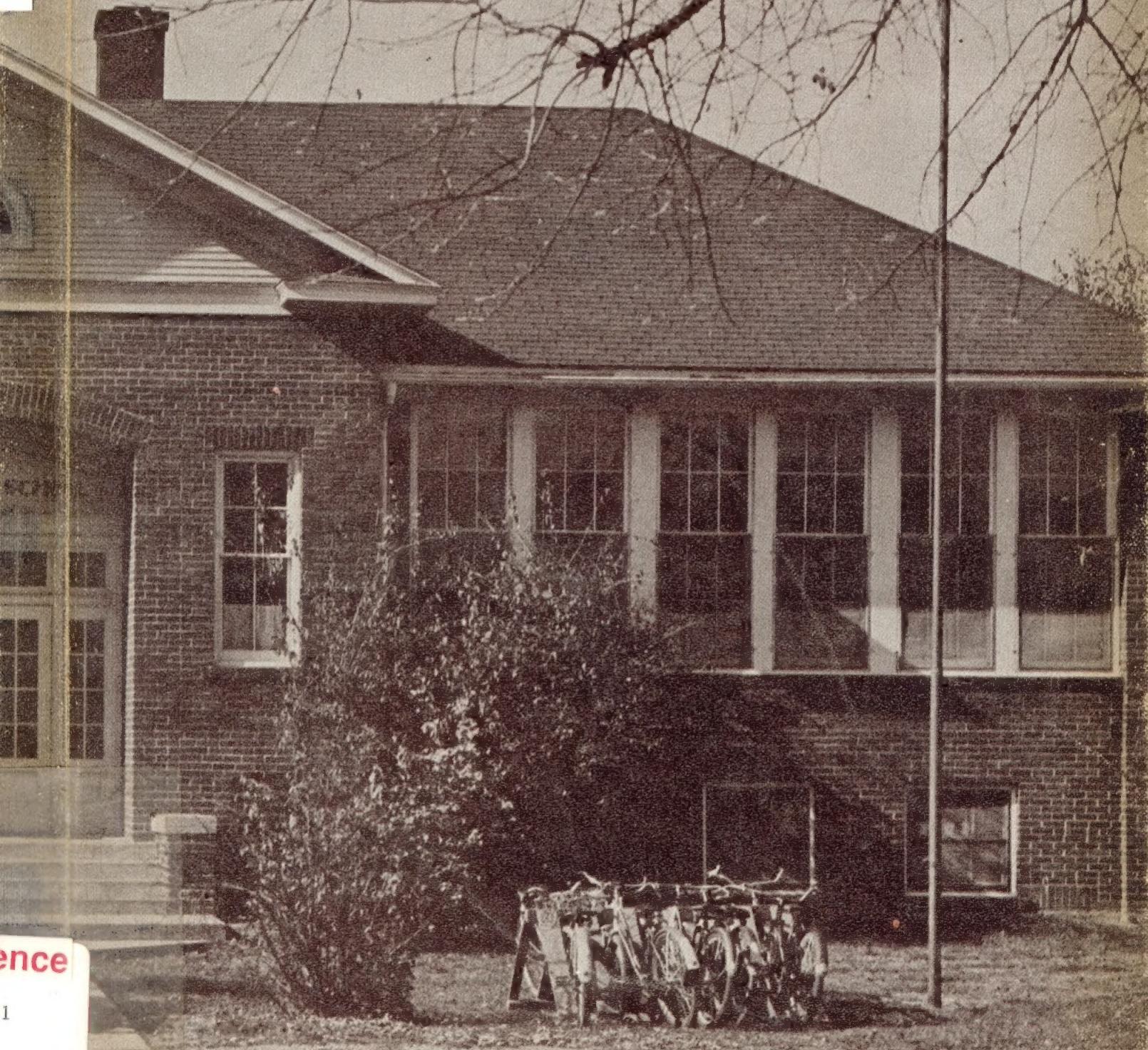


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## D E D I C A T I O N

With sincerity,  
we dedicate this 1953  
Annual of the Forsyth School  
to all those-- Parents - Patrons -  
Teachers - Board Members - and Pupils -  
who have contributed to the growth and success  
of our school down through the years; and whose  
excellent, community spirit has made  
possible the fine new addition  
of two rooms and gymnasium  
which will be in use  
when our school  
opens next fall.

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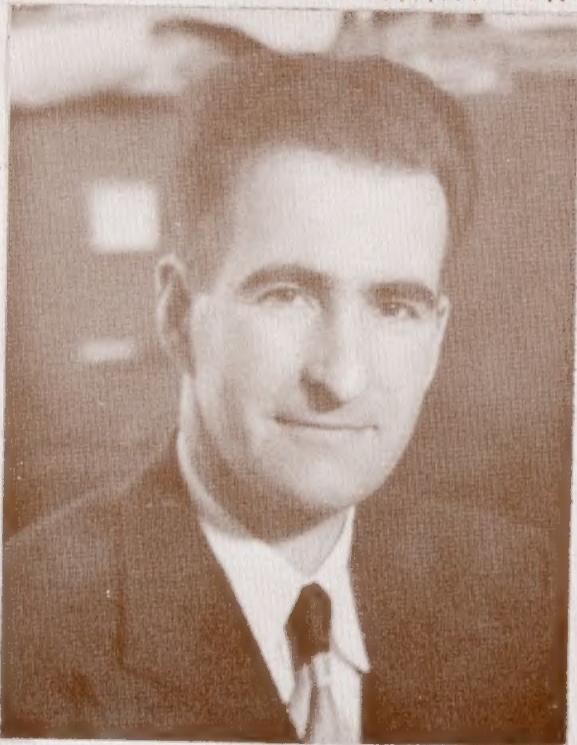
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Principal - Coach



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NELSON MORRIS  
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Betty Young  
Grades 5, 6



Ruth Hoyland  
Grades 3, 4



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Grades 7, 8

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Dean  
Burgener



Wennogeann  
Cohea



Gwen  
Ferrell



Myrtle  
King



John Ray  
Kintner



Marilyn  
Mullins



Jean  
Skidmore



David  
Smith



Fred  
Staudt



Bill  
Walden

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*Undergrads*



L. Austin



J. Bechtel



B. Davis



L. Edwards



R. Fansler



C. Harmon



D. Howland



N. Howland



L. Ishmael



M. Creekmur



D. Lakin



B. McFarland



F. Pope



J. Schroll



J. Smith



R. Stone



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## Seventh • Eighth Grade

FRONT ROW: Larry Edwards, David Howland, Dean Burgner, Leon Ishmael.

SEATED ROW: Joyce Smith, Christina Harmon, Jutta Bechtel, Marilyn Mullins, Gwen Ferrell, Lenora Austin, Diane Lakin.

THIRD ROW: Jean Skidmore, Mary Creekmur, Myrtle King, Bill Walden, Fred Staudt, Patricia Vaughn, Wennogean Cohea, Janet Schroll, Barbara McFarland.

FOURTH ROW: Mrs. Nisbet, Mr. Guyer, Richard Stone, David Smith, Norman Howland, Forest Pope, Bill Davis, John Ray Kitner, Richard Fansler.

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The eighth grade science class is busily engaged in conducting and observing an experiment illustrating scientific facts concerning the solubility of solids in hot and cold water. One student conducts the experiment while the remainder of the class observes with notebooks in hand, ready to record the results.



The eighth grade is beginning a new project in art. Each member of the class will have the opportunity to paint a portion of the picture with oil paints. Upon completion, the picture will be framed and hung to adorn the wall of their class room. All members were very eager to get started.



The seventh grade geography class is busily engaged in a study of specimens collected from various countries of the world which they have been studying. Many interesting items were displayed and observed by members of the class as a climax to their study of life in other lands.



The seventh grade science class is carefully observing an experiment. Many scientific facts become more meaningful after the students have observed what actually takes place. Records of the results in each experiment are kept for future reference in a science notebook.

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## Fifth - Sixth Grade

SEATED ROW: Michael Townsend, James Burcham, Roberta Traxler, Sylvia Edgecombe, Sondra Kennedy, Rosie Creekmur, Lorraine Cohea, Sally Bickensderfer, Danny Edgecombe, Robert McKinney.

SECOND ROW: Eugene Lowe, Warren Ferrell, Larry James, Mr. Guyer, Miss Young, Lila Fornwalt, Eddie Austin, Richard Reed.

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6th grade girls

Our Eskimo Unit



6th grade boys

Gene tells about historic planes



5th grade boys

Arithmetic practice



5th grade girls

Recess time



Opening Christmas Presents



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## Third-Fourth Grade

- SEATED: Eugene Lawrence, Howdy Hoyland, Nick Unger, Gary Lynch,  
Charles Kennedy, Steven Burcham, Loren Schroll.
- SECOND ROW: Judy McCool, Zora Edgecombe, Linda Smith, Mary Hupp,  
Melba Stiles, Greta Harmon, Nancy Stone, Eileen  
Vermilyea, Marcia Walters, Kay Burgner.
- THIRD ROW: Betty Lakin, Mary King, Karen Fox, Valera Edwards,  
Tommy Luallen, Joe Blazer, Jimmy Goodson, Larry Lee  
Hinkle, Jerry Gill, Norman Lehman.
- FOURTH ROW: Mr. Guyer, Mrs. Hoyland  
Barbara Prell (Not pictured.)  
Linda Bond



During the month of November, the third and fourth grades worked out a unit on "Early Days in America." This included a study of "American Indians of Long Ago", which proved very popular with the boys in this room.

A frieze, showing the Indian homes and their way of life in Colonial days was made by all the pupils.

Each pupil made an Indian Booklet containing pictures, stories, legends, and Indian designs.

Indian rugs, bracelets, moccasins, belts, pottery, and many other articles were brought to our exhibit as well as arrow heads, tomahawks and bows and arrows.



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## First - Second Grade

- FRONT ROW: Wendell Hollingshead, Michael Unger, John Clark, Gary Vermilyea, Steven Edgecombe, John Walters, Eugene Austin.
- SEATED ROW: Carolyn Stiles, Ann Alexander, Rose Ellen Lawrence, Judy Weltmer, Donna McCool, Janice Myers, Cynthia Flint, Carol Burgner, Ruby Jane Hazen.
- THIRD ROW: Francis Blickensderfer, Marcia Ann Hinkle, Gale King, Richard Stephenson, Sue Dotson, Judy Gillen, Bonnie Campbell, Donna McConkey, Jimmy Jenkins.
- FOURTH ROW: Mrs. Randall, Mr. Guyer.  
Jimmy Bond (Not pictured)

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Thanksgiving Turkeys



"Our Puppets"



"Come to the Show"

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*Athletics*



## BASKETBALL

Basketball practice began in November with nineteen boys showing up for practice. During November we practiced twice a week at the Maroa High School Gym, but after our first game only one practice a week has been available to us. Next year, however, we will have our own gym in Forsyth.

The boys have done remarkably well considering the few practices we could have. For the most part the boys have demonstrated good sportsmanship in games and practice. Even with a low percentage of wins, they never once gave up until the final gun.

We appreciate the fine spirit of the patrons who helped transport the boys to Maroa for practice. Many trips had to be made for this purpose. To these patrons and teachers and to all those who supported us with their presence and enthusiasm, at the games, we wish to express our appreciation.

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#### INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Following are the individual scores for those on the A team in regulation league games:

John Ray Kintner	119
Dean Burgener	52
Fred Staudt	40
David Smith	24
Bill Walden	15

These are the individual high scorers on the B squad in regulation league games:

Richard Reed	72
Norman Howland	33
Larry Edwards	29
Larry James	24



#### GAMES AND SCORES

##### "A" TEAM

	<u>THEY</u>	<u>WE</u>
Maroa	45	27
Mt. Zion	21	19
Niantic	32	27
Salem	34	20
Argenta	33	29
Boody	47	48
Blue Mound	41	14
Dalton City	50	24
Latham	46	27
Macon	50	16

##### "B" TEAM

	<u>THEY</u>	<u>WE</u>
	20	18
	14	21
	27	24
	26	21
	26	17
	20	18
	38	17
	30	26
	28	2
	39	17

#### HEAVY WEIGHT TOURNEY AT ARGENTA

Forsyth 26                    Mt. Zion 23  
Latham 42                    Forsyth 24

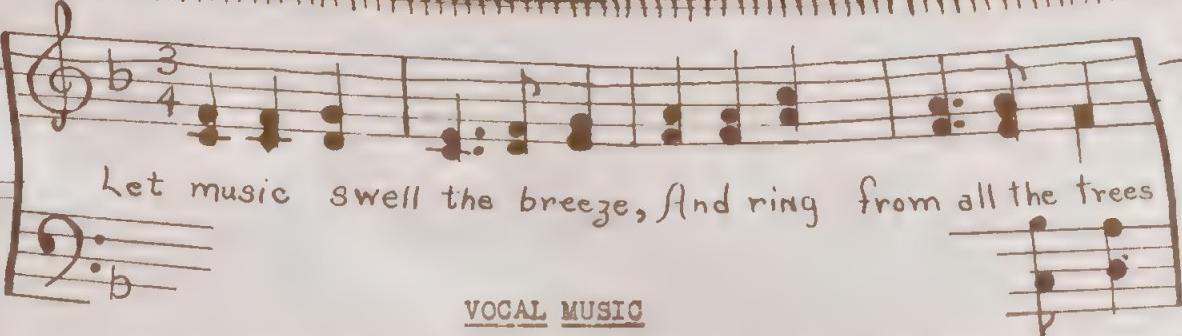
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## Activities



### VOCAL MUSIC

Music education for every child is the aim of the public school music course. This is achieved through a five-fold program of music activities and experiences; singing, playing, rhythmic activities, listening and creating.

Sally Blickensderfer and Sondra Kennedy were chosen to represent our school in the Regional Sixth Grade Festival Chorus at the University of Illinois on February 6th. This chorus was made up of 400 voices directed by Beulah I. Zander, State Supervisor of Music.

### BAND

It was the aim of the instrumental department to organize our own band at Forsyth this year. However, there has not been a large enough group of players, especially of advanced players to make this plan possible. Lack of rehearsal room has also been a drawback, but the new building should remedy that situation.

The present instrumental group includes: Linda Bond, Christina Harmon, and Fred Staudt, clarinets; Howdy Hoyland, Norman Howland, and David Howland, drums; and Sondra Kennedy, flute. Of particular mention in this group was the selection of Fred Staudt to represent the Maroa Grade School in the Illinois All-State Band at Urbana on February 6th and 7th. This band included high rating winners in the state solo contest last year. It was the first year for the band to meet and results were excellent.

A tonette group was organized in Mrs. Hoyland's room of third and fourth graders. They will play with the Maroa tonette players at the Spring Grade School Band Concert on May 8th at the high school.

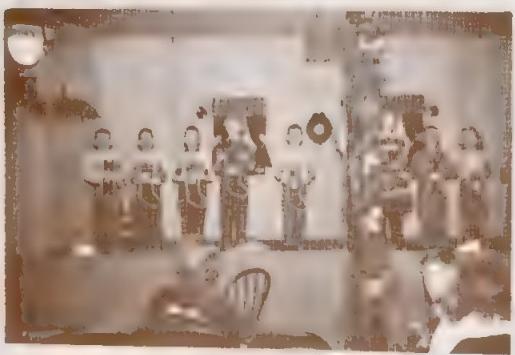
Fred Staudt will play with the high school contest band and also a solo in the grade school contest. Fred, Christina, and Sondra are also playing in the grade school contest band. All instrumentalists will play in the full band at the spring concert.

There will be a summer instrumental program this year. It is hoped that more students will take part in the music program. Instruction will be free. There will be three groups of players; the advanced band (A Band), the less advanced band (B band), and the beginning group.

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Scenes from the Christmas Program

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## OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Long before the starting time of 7:30 P. M. had come on Friday, Dec. 12, a more than capacity crowd had gathered at the IOOF Hall in Forsyth for the school's Christmas program.

As folks entered the building, many fine comments were heard regarding the decorations of the room and stage.

The program began with the traditional Christmas greetings presented by a group of first and second graders. This was followed by a clever Christmas Stocking drill and a fine performance of the Rythm Band by Mrs. Randall's pupils.

Next, Mrs. Hoyland's third and fourth grades presented two numbers; "The Dollies' Convention", in which we learned that the only way to cure a sick doll is to give the mama candy. The boys did an excellent bit of acting as they dramatized "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer." We won't forget the fine reading done by Sonny Schroll.

Remember how striking Miss Young's fifth and sixth grades were as they erected their "Living Christmas Tree" with its angel crown. Their readings and song were so well done.

Don't you want a SPORT CAP for Christmas? We all had a good laugh with Madge when she received ALL caps. But it was a fine play and we will remember Sondra Kennedy as Madge, Larry James as Father, Lila Fornwalt as Mother, Gene Lowe as Grandfather, Sylvia Edgecombe as Grandmother, Michael Towneend as Cousin Gerald, Richard Reed as brother Tom, and Sally Slickensderfer as Madge's friend. We take time and space to mention all of the characters by name, for you will notice that we have no picture of that splendid part of the program.

The grand finale of the program was the CHRISTMAS STORY as given in Matthew and Luke, presented in pantomime by Mrs. Nisbet's seventh and eighth grades. The performers, each one, did beautifully. The reading was well done by Dean Burgener, and the carols, sung off stage by all those not in the pantomime, were beautiful, including the duet by Gwen Ferrell and Marilyn Mullins.

We've mentioned the excellent work done by the pupils and teachers, but we would have you remember also, the able assistance of Mrs. Dotson our music teacher, who directed the singing and music.

We want to mention too, Jimmie Current, who arranged the lighting and Virgil Smith who furnished and operated the public address system. These and many others contributed largely to the success of our program.

October

Dear ? ? ? ? ,  
Once again school is under way. It looks like it ought to be a good year with some new pupils in every grade, but we will sure miss those who have left F. G. S., in faculty, also. Mr. Deibert went to Maroa as principal, Mr. Guyer is now principal here, and Mrs. Nesbit is room teacher of the 7th and 8th grade. October always brings institute days--- (holidays for the kids, but not for teachers!) However, we did need those days to rest up for our first six weeks tests. Everybody looked mighty sweet Oct. 20th as we had our pictures taken. Say, did you go to the Halloween party at the Lodge Hall? There were a few there that night that looked nice, too, but most of them were otherwise. Anyway, it was lots of fun.

Will write more later,  
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November

Dear ? ? ? ? ,

This is the month when all of our thoughts turn to basketball. The first practice was November 4th, with about nineteen boys coming out for basketball this year. The "A" team is made up of the five eighth grade boys, which just happens to be all of the boys in that grade.

The cheerleader election was really a close race, but Marilyn Mullins, Gwen Ferrell, Mary Creekmur, and Barbara McFarland were elected.

Hope you have a nice Thanksgiving vacation, and don't eat too much turkey!

As ever,  
! ! ! ! !

December

Dear ? ? ? ? ,  
Boy, have we been busy this month-- learning parts for the Christmas program, practicing, and trying to keep up in our lessons. However, we feel that it was worth our time and effort as the program went over O. K. and there was a big crowd in attendance. We really had fun at our all-day Christmas party on the 19th. We spent the day singing, watching the 19th. We spent wrapping our gifts, and of course, eating!!! What a meal we had!! Merry Christmas  
! ! ! ! !

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Jan. and Feb.

Dear ? ? ? ? ,

Now that the holidays are over, we are back in school--that is about three-fourths of us are. There is a lot of flu, chicken pox, and scarlet fever among the pupils. Even Mrs. Randall has been quite ill.

Did you listen to the inauguration of Ike? We got to watch it on television. (Thanks to Wayne Woodcock.)

You ought to have been to the community sale at Joe Harmon's Feb. 7th. The Community Club sponsored it in order to earn money to carry out a project of some kind for the new addition to our school. All of us kids ate as much as we could, so we helped some. We had an unexpected vacation in this month, as a new furnace had to be installed. Because of this, we had our Valentine party the 9th, but it was fun anyway.

Bye for now,  
! ! ! ! !



March, April, and May

Dear ? ? ? ? ,  
The end of another school year has almost come. As we look back, we wonder just where all the time has gone.

Too late to worry now, though. After the basketball season was all over, the bats and tournaments were hunted again. There were some stiff arms and legs for awhile--quite a difference you know.

Another institute day in March, and a short Easter vacation in April gave us a little time to relax from school again. As our last exams come from school again, I guess we bring to a close graders, then of 1952-1953.

Have a nice summer vacation, and we will see you again next year.  
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## Our Lunchroom



1 and 2 grades at lunch  
"Gene's ready for pudding"



3 and 4 grades at lunch  
And "who" has Norman's eye?



5 and 6 grades at lunch  
Could Larry be "next"  
to the teacher?



7 and 8 grades ready  
to be served  
"We'll be busier in a minute"



Helen and Mildred  
Our "favorite cooks"-  
"The last pan is done--  
now for some coffee!"

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Humor

## JOKES

Boy: Quick, Doctor. I was playing a mouth organ and swallowed it.  
Doctor: Keep calm, and be thankful that you weren't playing the piano.

Forest Pope: That's a funny pair of socks you're wearing, David.  
One of them is green and one is red.  
David Howland: Yes, I know--and I've got another pair at home just like them.

Father: What did you learn in school?  
Richard Stephenson: I learned to say "Yes sir," and "No, sir."  
Father: You did?  
Richard: Yeah!

"What did they teach you today?" Mrs. Green asked her little boy when he came home from his first day in school.  
"Not much", Corwyn said, "I have to go back tomorrow."

Doctor: You are coughing more easily this morning.  
Sonny Schroll: I should be. I've been practicing all night.

Miss Young: Larry, give me two pronouns.  
Larry James: (caught not paying attention): Who? Me?  
Miss Young: That's right.

"Mother, have I been a good boy lately?"  
"Yes, son, you have been a very good boy."  
"And do you trust me?"  
"Why, of course."  
"Then why do you go on hiding the jam?"

Tommy: Once there was a nickel and a dime sitting on the edge of a bridge. The nickel fell in the river.  
Why didn't the dime?  
Kay: I don't know, why?  
Tommy: The dime has more cents.

"What is the best exercise for reducing?"  
"Just move the head slowly from right to left when asked to have a second helping."

## JOKES

Mrs. Hoyland: "If you had six popsicles, Howdy, and Joe asked you for three, how many would you have left?"  
Howdy: "Six."

Doctor: "You know there is an epidemic. Is your family being careful?"

Patient: "Yes. We bought one of these sanitary cups, and we all drink out of it."

Mrs. Nisbet: "Tell why Hungary, Greece, and Turkey are useful to Russia."

Leon: "I know. Russia might get Hungary and use Greece to cook Turkey."

Teacher: Rastus, what animal is not noted for its fur?

Rastus: De skunk,--the more fur you gets away from him, de better it is fur you.

Miss Young: When you hear a chicken cackle, do you wonder if it is sitting or setting?

Warren: I wonder if it is laying or lying.

Mrs. Randall: "Buddy, what would you like to be when you grow up?"

Buddy: "I want to be a vitamin."

Mrs. Randall: "But, Buddy, that's impossible. You can't be a vitamin."

Buddy: "Oh, yes, I can! I saw a sign on a drugstore window that said, "Vitamin B 1."

"Tell me--When you first learned to ride a bicycle what did you find the hardest?"

"The Sidewalk."--

Judge talking to victim: "Young man, have you ever been up before me?"

"Er, well, I can't exactly say, Judge. What time do you get up?"

Just another Scotchman: "Hey, Sandy, the baby has swallowed a penny."

"Well, let him have it,--tomorrow is his birthday."



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